

SPECIAL NOTICE

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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports from \$1,287.8 million in February to \$1,375.3 million in March reflected higher levels of imports from Western Europe, from \$398.2 to \$429.9 million; Canada, from \$234.8 to \$255.9 million; Latin American Republics, from \$324.4 to \$336.7 million; and "all other countries," (excluding dependencies of Western Europe) from \$246.7 to \$269.1 million. Imports from dependencies of Western Europe remained about the same, being valued at \$83.6 million in February and \$83.7 million in March.

General imports from O.E.E.C. countries advanced from \$388.9 to \$420.0 million and those from sterling area countries, from \$215.3 to \$241.1 million. Imports from all continents increased during the period.

From February to March imports from Europe rose from \$406.2 to \$435.1 million. This change reflected a substantial increase in imports from the United Kingdom, from \$92.8 to \$107.8 million, and lesser increases from other individual countries of this continent as follows: France, from \$43.2 to \$46.8 million; Italy, from \$35.4 to \$40.0 million; Greece, from \$1.4 to \$5.4 million; and Belgium and Luxembourg, from \$36.3 to \$39.5 million. The rise in imports from North America from \$393.3 to \$414.7 million resulted from an increase in imports from Canada, as noted above, and an increase in imports from Cuba, from \$40.8 to \$51.6 million, being partly offset by decreases in imports from Mexico, from \$52.4 to \$45.4 million and the Netherlands Antilles, from \$27.4 to \$21.9 million.

Imports from Asia rose from \$216.9 to \$231.1 million as a noticeable increase in imports from Japan, from \$83.0 to \$98.8 million, and lesser increases in imports from Hong Kong, from \$10.3 to \$12.9 million and the Republic of the Philippines, from \$24.8 to \$27.0 million, were partly offset by a decline in imports from Kuwait, from \$12.8 to \$9.2 million. The advance in imports from Africa from \$47.9 to \$58.4 million reflected small, scattered increases in imports from many of the individual countries of this continent. The more noticeable of these were the Union of South Africa, from \$9.5 to \$12.6 million; United Arab Republic (Egypt Region), from \$2.6 to \$5.0 million, British East Africa, from \$2.4 to \$4.7 million; and the Belgian Congo, from \$5.0 to \$7.1 million.

Imports from South America rose from \$204.5 to \$213.0 million as increases in imports from some of the individual countries of this continent were partly offset by declines in imports from others. Changes in the value of imports from several of these countries were as follows: Chile, from \$12.8 to \$19.8 million; Venezuela, from \$79.8 to \$84.6 million; Peru, from \$10.3 to \$13.4 million; Argentina, from \$8.4 to \$11.5 million; Colombia, from \$31.2 to \$26.4 million; and Brazil, from \$49.2 to \$44.9 million.

Imports from Australia and Oceania climbed from \$19.0 to \$23.1 million as an increase in imports from New Zealand, from \$2.8 to \$11.7 million, was partly offset by a drop in imports from Australia, from \$16.1 to \$11.1 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchandising or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT-110. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than \$50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MARCH 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country ¹	March 1960	February 1960	March 1959	Monthly average 1959
Total trade.....	1,375.3	1,287.8	1,294.9	1,267.7
Western Europe.....	429.9	398.2	362.8	376.9
Dependencies of Western Europe.....	83.7	83.6	111.8	83.3
Canada.....	255.9	234.8	228.0	253.4
Latin American Republics.....	336.7	324.4	345.4	301.2
All other countries.....	269.1	246.7	246.9	252.8
O.E.E.C. countries.....	420.0	388.9	350.2	363.3
Sterling area countries.....	241.1	215.3	215.5	223.8
North America.....	414.7	393.3	403.5	386.3
Greenland ^d	(*)	(*)	...	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	255.9	234.8	228.0	253.4
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands ^d	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Mexico ^a	45.4	52.4	53.2	36.4
Guatemala ^a	6.0	7.5	4.6	5.4
British Honduras ^{b,d}	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
El Salvador ^a	5.1	5.0	1.1	3.1
Honduras ^a	3.3	1.8	3.9	2.1
Nicaragua ^a	4.3	2.6	2.1	1.3
Costa Rica ^a	2.3	3.2	3.5	2.7
Republic of Panama ^a	2.7	2.1	3.2	2.1
Canal Zone.....	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Bermuda ^{b,d}	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
Bahamas ^{b,d}	1.3	0.9	0.7	1.0
Cuba ^a	51.6	40.8	43.7	39.5
Jamaica ^{b,d}	4.1	3.7	3.2	3.9
Haiti ^a	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.4
Dominican Republic ^a	5.1	5.7	4.9	6.3
Leeward and Windward Islands ^{b,d}	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Barbados ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago ^{b,d}	4.0	2.8	6.4	3.7
Netherlands Antilles ^d	21.9	27.4	42.8	23.3
French West Indies ^d.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
South America.....	213.0	204.5	226.8	203.8
Colombia ^a	26.4	31.2	23.9	28.3
Venezuela ^a	84.6	79.8	91.8	74.2
British Guiana ^{b,d}	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4
Surinam ^d	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.3
French Guiana ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Ecuador ^a	4.7	4.6	4.6	5.0
Peru ^a	13.4	10.3	7.4	9.9
Bolivia ^a	0.9	0.3	0.9	0.6
Chile ^a	19.8	12.8	17.0	17.7
Brazil ^a	44.9	49.2	60.8	52.4
Paraguay ^a	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.7
Uruguay ^a	3.0	4.2	3.5	1.5
Argentina ^a	11.5	8.4	13.2	10.5
Falkland Islands ^{b,d}.....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	435.1	406.2	370.2	384.0
Iceland ^{b,c,e}	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Sweden ^{c,e}	14.6	18.1	15.2	15.4
Norway ^{c,e}	7.4	5.0	11.3	8.3
Denmark ^{c,e}	7.5	8.7	9.2	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MARCH 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Continent and country ¹	March 1960	February 1960	March 1959	Monthly average 1959
Europe--Continued				
United Kingdom ^{b,c,e}	107.8	92.8	89.8	94.8
Ireland (Eire) ^{b,c,e}	2.8	1.8	2.3	2.2
Netherlands ^{c,e}	17.0	18.5	17.2	18.1
Belgium and Luxembourg ^{c,e}	39.5	36.3	34.7	34.7
France ^{c,e}	46.8	43.2	34.3	38.5
West Germany ^{c,e}	90.6	88.4	70.6	76.5
East Germany.....	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Austria ^{c,e}	4.9	3.9	4.1	4.7
Czechoslovakia.....	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.0
Hungary.....	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Switzerland ^{c,e}	16.5	15.4	14.6	16.3
Finland ^c	4.3	4.7	3.8	4.1
Estonia.....	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Lithuania.....	...	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig.....	1.9	3.0	3.0	2.7
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	1.9	3.3	2.3	2.4
Azores ^d	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain ^{c,e}	8.7	8.2	5.9	6.5
Portugal ^{c,e}	3.7	3.0	2.0	2.2
Gibraltar ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Italy ^{c,e}	40.0	35.4	28.6	32.3
Free Territory of Trieste ^{c,e}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia ^c	5.5	4.6	2.9	3.1
Albania.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece ^{c,e}	5.4	1.4	3.5	2.8
Rumania.....	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Bulgaria.....	0.1	(*)	0.2	0.1
Turkey ^{c,e}	5.7	7.5	11.7	6.9
Asia.....	231.1	216.9	207.0	216.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8
Lebanon.....	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	2.6	1.3	4.0	2.9
Iran (Persia).....	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.2
Israel.....	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3
Palestine.....	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait ^{b,d}	9.2	12.8	14.4	13.2
Saudi Arabia.....	2.6	2.3	5.0	4.2
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Aden ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein ^{b,d}	0.8	1.1	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan.....	1.8	3.5	3.1	1.4
India ^b	19.8	20.8	18.1	17.3
Pakistan ^b	3.6	4.5	3.8	2.9
Nepal.....	...	...	(*)	(*)
Ceylon ^b	3.8	3.8	2.8	2.9
Burma ^b	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Thailand (Siam).....	6.4	5.1	8.6	7.5
Viet-Nam.....	0.7	0.8	1.4	0.9
Laos.....	...	...	(*)	(*)
Cambodia.....	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.1
Federation of Malaya ^b	15.5	14.8	10.3	13.3
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo ^{b,d}	1.1	1.7	2.6	2.4
Republic of Indonesia.....	14.5	15.8	12.6	15.9
Republic of the Philippines.....	27.0	24.8	27.4	26.0
Macao (Macau) ^d	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c. ^d	(*)	0.1	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.....	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria).....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia.....	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.6

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Continent and country ¹	March 1960	February 1960	March 1959	Monthly average 1959
Asia--Continued				
North Korea.....	(*)	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	0.5	0.1	(*)	0.3
Hong Kong ^{b,d}	12.9	10.3	6.0	8.3
Taiwan (Formosa).....	1.2	1.4	0.5	1.2
Japan.....	98.8	83.0	77.0	85.7
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Australia and Oceania.....				
Australia ^b	23.1	19.0	27.6	28.1
New Guinea ^b	11.1	16.1	11.7	16.4
New Zealand ^b	(*)	0.1	...	(*)
British Western Pacific Islands ^{b,d}	11.7	2.8	15.0	11.3
French Pacific Islands ^d	0.2	(*)	0.4	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	(*)	(*)	0.5	0.1
Africa.....				
Morocco.....	58.4	47.9	59.7	49.2
Algeria ^d	0.4	1.1	1.5	0.9
Tunisia.....	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.1
Libya ^b	(*)	(*)	0.6	0.2
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region).....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Sudan.....	5.0	2.6	6.6	1.4
Canary Islands ^d	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5
Spanish Africa, n.e.c. ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cameroun.....	...	...	(*)	(*)
French Equatorial Africa ^d	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.8
French West Africa and Republic of Togo ^d	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
Ghana ^b	2.9	4.0	4.6	2.1
Nigeria ^{b,d}	5.5	5.3	3.8	5.3
British West Africa, n.e.c. ^{b,d}	4.0	2.3	4.0	2.7
Madeira Islands ^d	0.3	(*)	1.0	0.3
Angola ^d	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c. ^d	2.3	2.6	4.3	2.6
Liberia.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Belgian Congo ^d	3.5	4.5	3.6	3.5
Somaliland.....	7.1	5.0	10.3	8.9
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
French Somaliland ^d	3.6	1.9	1.8	1.3
British Somaliland ^{b,d}	(*)	0.1	...	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies ^{b,d}.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
British East Africa ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Mozambique ^d	4.7	2.4	2.1	3.4
Madagascar (Malgache Republic) ^d	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Union of South Africa ^b	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.0
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ^b	12.6	9.5	9.0	9.9
	1.5	2.7	1.8	3.1

^aLatin American Republics. ^bSterling area countries. ^cWestern Europe. ^dDependencies of Western Europe. ^eO.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than \$50,000. ¹For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics.